Therefore freely and with vncurbed boldneſſe
Tell vs the Dolphins minde.
Ambaſ. Then this in fine the Dolphin ſaith,
Whereas you clayme certaine Townes in *France*,
From your predeceſſor king *Edward* the third,
This he returnes.
He ſaith, theres nought in *France* that can be with a nimble
Galliard wonne: you cannot reuel into Dukedomes there:
Therefore he ſendeth meeter for your ſtudy,
This tunne of treaſure: and in lieu of this,
Deſires to let the Dukedomes that you craue
Heare no more from you: This the Dolphin ſaith.
King. What treaſure Vncle?
Exe. Tennis balles my Liege.
King. We are glad the Dolphin is ſo pleaſant with vs,
Your meſſage and his preſent we accept:
When we haue matched our rackets to theſe balles,
We will by Gods grace play ſuch a ſet,
Shall ſtrike his fathers crowne into the hazard.
Tell him he hath made a match with ſuch a wrangler,
That all the Courts of *France* ſhall be diſturbd with chaſes.
And we vnderſtand him well, how he comes ore vs
With our wilder dayes, not meaſuring what vſe we made
of them.
We neuer valued this poore ſeate of England.
And therefore gaue our ſelues to barbarous licence:
As tis common ſeene that men are merrieſt when they are
from home.
But tell the Dolphin we will keepe our ſtate,
Be like a King, mightie and commaund,
When we do rowſe vs in throne of *France*:
For this haue we laid by our Maieſtie
And plodded like a man for working dayes.
But we will riſe there with ſo full of glory,
That we will dazell all the eyes of *France*,
I ſtrike the Dolphin blinde to looke on vs,
And tell him this, his mock hath turnd his balles to gun
ſtones,
And

And his ſoule ſhall ſit ſore charge

That ſhall flye from them. For this
Shall mocke many a wife out of thei
Mocke mothers from their ſonnes,
Some are yet vngotten and vnborn
That ſhall haue cauſe to curſe the D
But this lyes all within the will of G

And in whoſe name tel you the Do
To venge vs as we may, and to put f
In a rightfull cauſe: ſo get you hen
His leſt will ſauour but of ſhallow w
When thouſands weepe, more then
Conuey them with ſafe conduct: fe
Exe. This was a merry meſſage.
King. We hope to make the ſend
Therfore let our collectiō for the w
For God before, weell check the D

Therefore let euery man now taske
That this faire action may on foote

Enter Nim *and* Bardolfe

Bar. Godmorrow Corporall *N*
Nim. Godmorrow Lieftenant *B*
Bar. What is antient *Piſtoll* and
Nim. I cannot tell, things muſt b
I dare not fight, but I will winke and
It is a ſimple one, but what tho; it wi
And it will endure cold as an other m
And theres the humor of it.
Bar. Yfaith miſtreſſe quickly did
For thou weart troth plight to her.

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